GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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ANTI INDIA ACTIVITIES FROM FOREIGN SOIL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether some extremists are operating from foreign countries, particularly Bangladesh, Bhutan, Malaysia and Philippines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent extremists and their families from taking refuge in or using the hospitality of these countries for anti-India activities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) Government of India has been receiving reports that some North-East extremists are operating from some of the foreign countries which include Bangladesh, Bhutan, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

(c) There is an institutional mechanism between Government of India and Government of Bangladesh, which inter aliaaddresses the problem of cross border terrorism. The Governments of Bangladesh and Bhutan have assured us that they would not allow undesirable elements to use their territories for activities prejudicial to our interests. Although there is no similar mechanism established with the Philippines and Malaysia so far, we have been getting their Governments` cooperation from time to time whenever it was needed.